

## Special Studies

### *Offutt Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)*

The JLUS project will be completed. It is evaluating opportunities for improved collaboration between the Base and surrounding communities. The study will identify risks to compatibility in future planning and work to avoid conflicts to ensure that we are good neighbors and that the Base has a bright future in our region.

### *South Omaha Brownfields*

Site assessments on properties with possible development interest and/or contamination issues will be conducted to prepare for clean-up and redevelopment. This particular project will be completed in FY-2016, and MAPA is exploring opportunities for additional brownfields work in North Omaha.

### *Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS)*

This joint NDOR-MAPA study of the region's transportation system, with particular focus on our major highway system improvement over the next 30 years, will begin Phase 2 in 2016.

### *Platteview Road Corridor Study*

MAPA is working with Sarpy County to evaluate future transportation options along the Platteview Road corridor in southern Sarpy County.

### *Sarpy County Planning*

MAPA will participate in ongoing planning initiatives in Sarpy County, including the Sarpy County Comprehensive Plan, the Southern Ridge Wastewater Plan, and a possible new study to evaluate the needs for a potential interchange on I-80 between Highway 370 and Highway 6/31.

## Transportation

### *L RTP 2040/2050*

The update of the regional Long Range Transportation Plan, L RTP 2040, will be completed. Due to anticipated new requirements, including FHWA performance measures, and recent planning projects such as Heartland 2050, MAPA will begin on a comprehensive update with a 2050 L RTP.

### *Transportation Improvement Project (TIP)*

The region's TIP identifies Federal-aid and transportation projects of regional significance for the next six years in Douglas, Sarpy, and western Pottawattamie Counties. The TIP is the result of collaboration between local jurisdictions, state and federal partners, and citizens, who provide input into the regional transportation process.

### *Bus Rapid Transit*

MAPA is participating actively in Metro's BRT project planned for the Dodge Street corridor, which received a TIGER grant from the U.S. DOT last year. The BRT is a significant transit investment in the metro area and represents an important component of the "Heartland Connections" Regional Transit Vision recommendations.

### *One-Call/One-Click Center*

This innovative project funded with a grant through the FTA Veteran's program aims to develop a one-call/one-click center for agencies providing paratransit services, including veterans and other military families.

### *FTA 5310 Grants*

MAPA is now the Designated Recipient to administer this program in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area. It aids local governments non-profit agencies with capital and operating assistance to serve the elderly and persons with disabilities.

## Community and Economic Development Assistance

### *Comprehensive Plans*

Communities receive service through a Comprehensive Plan update. Current projects include Pottawattamie County and Kennard with more to come.

### *Community Development Assistance*

CDBG project administration for water, wastewater and downtown revitalization projects are ongoing or anticipated for Hancock, Macedonia, Henderson and Walnut. MAPA provides additional assistance such as nuisance abatement.

### *Economic Development Activities*

Gap financing with the MAPA Revolving Loan Fund is available to assist small businesses. MAPA will collaborate with economic development partners to implement the ten strategic goals identified in the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

## Regional Initiatives

### *Heartland 2050*

The Heartland 2050 project will enter its first year of implementation by establishing a leadership committee and topic-specific action teams. MAPA provides staff support to this project that is focused on a long-term vision for the 8-county Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) based on the core values of area residents.

### *Little Steps Big Impact Air Quality Initiative*

This metro area's annual campaign educates the public on the impacts of ground-level ozone on air quality, and the steps which can be taken to reduce emissions. MAPA is also convening the regional air quality forum for stakeholders to discuss and address this issue.

## Data and Technology

### *Traffic Counts*

The biennial Traffic Flow map will be produced as well as the related Traffic Growth reports and analysis. MAPA will also collaborate to develop a new portal for local jurisdictions to enter traffic count data into a regional database.

### *Data*

MAPA is reviewing and analyzing data related to economic development, population, income, and other information continuously. We are the location for local, county, and state level data.

### *New Website*

The MAPA website will be redesigned with an anticipated go-live date in the fall 2015. More than just a new face for the agency, it will provide a useful tool for the public to access data, maps, and other important information about metro area quickly.

## Forums and Events

### *Quarterly Council of Officials*

Mayors and other officials in the five-county region meet quarterly for the MAPA Council of Officials meeting. The Council conducts business, networks and hears a presentation on a topic of interest taking place in the metro area. The Annual Dinner will be held in October 2015 in Mills County.

### *Summits and Public Events*

MAPA will host panel discussions, public engagement and speaker events during the year around topics of interest. Heartland 2050 Summits will be held and the first regional transportation summit will be convened in October 2015 for stakeholders to work on a number of transportation-related issues, such as congestion management, safety, freight and aviation.

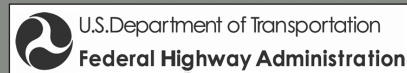


Regional cooperation is critical to competitive success. MAPA assists communities to identify and understand opportunities for enhancement, coordinate across public and private entities to maximize the benefits of regional thinking, and, where applicable, ensure that funds are distributed thoughtfully and strategically.

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## FY-2016 ACTIVITIES

The Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency proposes the following work activities for FY-2016 (July 2015 - June 16) listed inside this brochure.



MAPA brings local government officials of the region together to address mutual and overlapping concerns in the areas of: transportation, community development, economic growth and development, environmental stewardship, data sharing/research, and regional collaborative services.